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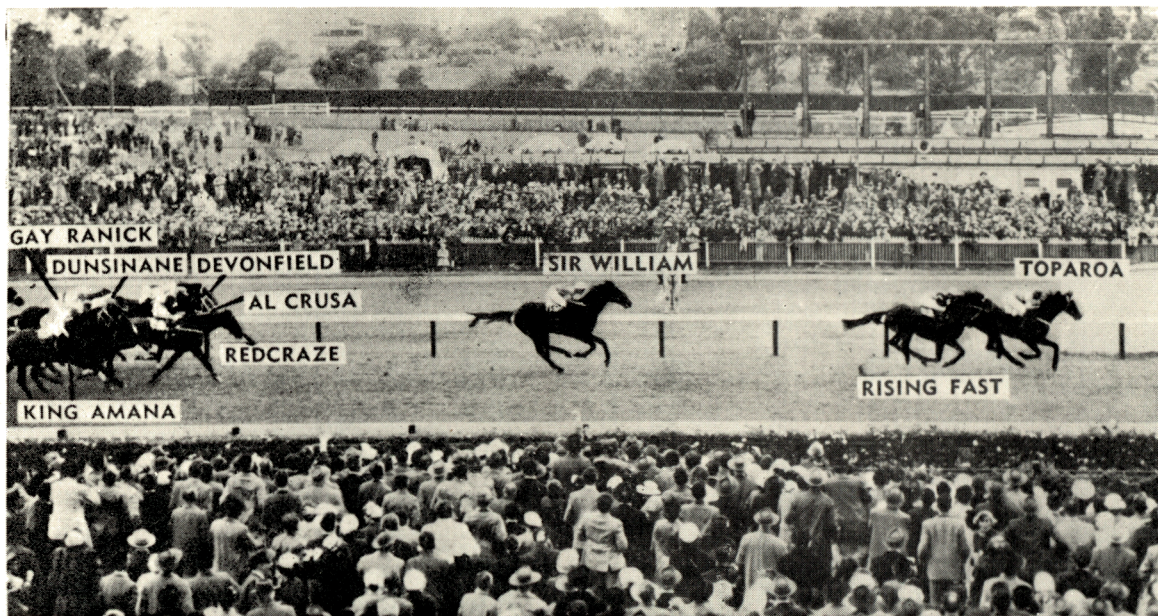
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# ALL OVER, BAR SHOUTING



## ***The Enzeds Show Their Class . .***

*Toparoa winning the Melbourne Cup of 1955 from Rising Fast and Sir William. Toparoa is trained by Club Member T. J. Smith.*





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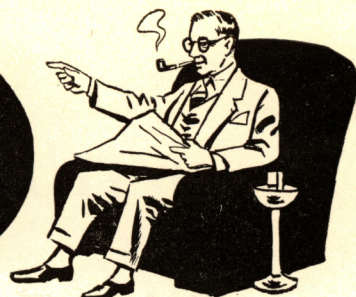
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# The CLUBMAN'S Corner



**N**EWCASTLE Tattersall's Club paid our chairman (John Hickey) and club a fine compliment in extending him an invitation to its club meeting on November 19 and selecting him to present the trophy to the owner of the winner of the Cup.

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**T.** H. BOYTON, owner of the Cup winner, Astron, was not able to be present, and the trophy was accepted on his behalf by his trainer, club member Bill Kelso. Mr. Hickey also presented the trophy to the winner of the Eric Smith Handicap.

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**T**HE Chairman (John Hickey) entertained at luncheon in the club T. H. Macdonald, U.S. Congressman and D. D. Kennedy, U.S. Consul.

## CLUB STORY

• Story told by a member related to the Soudanese belle who was seized and carried off on her wedding eve by an Adonis of the neighbouring tribe. On the following night she was taken back again by her affianced lover; but, on the following night again, was kidnapped by the persistent neighbouring marauder. This went on for six months. Then the lady in the case approached the representative of the British Government, seeking an authoritative statement as to whose wife she really should be. "It is not that I wish to complain generally," she said, "but this constant night travelling is beginning not to agree with me."

**A**CCOMPANYING the Chairman were Committeemen George Chiene, W. H. Sellen, and Secretary Dave Dawson. Hospitality was at the usual high-water mark (with not over-emphasis on the water). Despite unfavourable weather, the meeting was well attended. Organisation (as usual) was first rate, due to the direction of the President (D. G. Fitzpatrick), assisted by members of his committee, and Secretary, Brian (Evergreen) O'Donnell.

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**N**EWCASTLE Jockey Club's Committee, headed by Chairman Jim McLauchlin, supplemented hospitality to the guests.

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**N**EWs from Lew Maidment on overseas tour with his wife.

## EDITORIAL: Thinking of Time

*Windbag, mentioned in the October number of this magazine, often had raced against time, as we humans do. In the end — for what? To find that time didn't matter, or not so much as to retain beyond the allotted span that about which there had been all the bustling?*

*Windbag could not luxuriate longer amid the conditions his class as a racehorse had assured him. Similarly, the men (dead and living) for whom he had won "big money" could not, and cannot, outlast Time, however in life they had tried, and still try, to outpace it.*

*Those fanatics who enter into fierce competition with Time, even to the extreme of eating*

*their lunches at their working desks and neglecting their social obligations — which include their wives — are worsted in time.*

*When your doctor advises you "take a pull", the request is worded less realistically than the foregoing, but its implications are every bit as menacing.*

*Omar was not only philosopher and poet. When he wrote "Take the cash in hand and waive the rest", the Persian proved himself physician, too. Someone even more ancient had put it: "Take the goods the gods provide", Otherwises accept the gratifications at hand and be satisfied; those out of reach are not worth striving for in the limited span allotted by Life, alias Time.*



## COCKTAIL PARTY

The chairman and committee cordially invite members — who may bring one lady — to a cocktail party on Thursday, December 22, 1955, from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

P. G. SMITH, committeeman of Tamworth Jockey Club, has a photograph of a race-day scene at Bombay course, which he visited in his travels. Shown in the picture is a car carrying stipendiary stewards on an inner track so that they might observe the running at close quarters.

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TOM CLUNE told of a race-course at Cathcart with a graveyard in the centre and Les Tidmarsh of one in Surrey (England) with a course built round a church. Evidently one place to bury the "dead" and the other to pray for the "dead".

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"SURE pot Haigh"—the reference bears strict relationship to the billiards table. Someone watching a snooker game the other day conferred that title after Les had brought off several Hans Robertson-Bill Longworth shots.

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HARRY CHAPLIN who left for overseas this month, his second tour in two years, was farewelled at luncheon in the club and presented with a travelling outfit. Hosts were fellow members of the Dental Traders' Assn., with John Jennings in the chair.

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BILL ALLEN has returned after a world tour and has been greeting friends in club.

## Clubman's Corner

ONE with a name rhyming with Mulligan, or near enough, sent his fellow club member, Bill, a map from the Ould Sod setting out the names of Irish families and their rank—King, Prince, Chief and so forth.

Divil a reference to the Mulligans could be detected, so the sender advised Bill to call in the service of a microscope.

### CONDOLENCES

It is our regret to record the deaths of H. J. A. Clark, member since 1933, and John Cronin, elected 29/10/55. They were worthy fellows. Our sympathy goes to those near and dear.

WHILE many were shouting Rising Fast in discussing Melbourne Cup prospects, at Randwick, on Victoria Derby Day, Bob Carter stuck for Toparoa on the handicap and on form. That's the old-fashioned way of picking 'em, isn't it?

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STORY about Bob Carter was set going by his friend, Norman Brown, whose property is in the never-never of Queensland. Norman answered inquiries in club daily as to the whereabouts of Bob by saying: "He is riding Royal Stream back from his spell on Bob's property."

Remembered by some is that Royal Stream in his heyday beat Carioca in the Chelmsford Stakes.

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BACK from furthering studies in England, Dr. Bruce Low.

TOM PRESCOTT wrote from Perth of having made a good start on his overseas tour.

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SID GRAHAM was playing Bill Longworth snooker. The veteran champion's shots were apathetic and Sid was happy about his prospects. Suddenly Bill played a shot which startled onlookers, no less Sid: the red ball slowly along the length of the rear length of the table into the bottom pocket. Applause was spontaneous; but next shot Bill impishly played an in-off, cracking: "I couldn't do that at billiards!"

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BACK from quick business trip overseas: George Cooper.

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ONE of our members, Michael W. ("Mick") Byrne was presented with his wife to the Queen at an evening presentation party for members of the Diplomatic Corps at Buckingham Palace in November. Mr. Byrne, who was Commonwealth Government Public Relations Officer before he left for London in November last year, is Public Relations Adviser to the Australian High Commissioner (Sir Thomas White), and Director of the Australian News and Information Bureau in London.

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ONE of the 2000 odd Teleword contest winners: John Hickey Jr.

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# 1905 "ALL BLACKS" STAGE REUNION

**S**URVIVORS of 1905 All Blacks, whose only set back was a 3-nil defeat by Wales—the game of the disputed try—held a reunion recently in Wellington.

Present: W. J. Wallace, Billy Stead, Jimmy Hunter, Alec McDonald, J. O'Sullivan, George Nicholson, H. L. Abbott, Fred Newton, George Gillett and Fred Roberts.

Of course, the "disputed try," reputedly scored by Deans, and disallowed by the Scottish referee, was resurrected.

Wallace told of the simple honesty of Deans. He was careless about personal possessions, believing everybody honest as himself.

## Stead's Ruse

At one of the hotels overseas he left his gold watch on the dressing table and the door of his room open. Deciding to teach Deans a lesson Billy Stead "pinched" the watch and awaited developments.

The other members of the team were let into the joke and expected Deans to make a fuss in this instance as the watch was a sentimental possession. When nothing had been said in the course of a few days, Stead slipped the watch back into Dean's waistcoat pocket, and, later, commenced to read him a lecture on trustfulness.

"I was sorry about the loss," said Deans. "But why didn't you mention it?" asked Stead. "Well," said the other, "I knew no member of the team would take it, and I thought somebody's feelings might be hurt if I mentioned the subject."

When Deans claimed to have scored, his word was never

doubted by his clubmates. Had he not been certain, they said, he would have ended the controversy on the spot. New Zealand authorities possess a menu card having these words written across it: "Deans did score." The writer was no other than Dr. Morgan, the brilliant winger, who scored the try which gave Wales victory.

**JOHN BROWN'S WIT**  
REFERENCE recently to John (Baron) Brown in the newspapers recalled a celebration after Jocelyn had won the Metropolitan for John Spencer Brunton in 1929, repeating the performance of her dam, Maltine (also owned by John Spencer Brunton), in 1909.

John Brown was full of fun on this occasion. Maltine was one of Australia's best racing mares, but John, turning to her owner, cracked: "I haven't forgiven you for sending a brumby to my stud."

## Happy Birthday Greetings

*An old greeting, but ever new: Good health, good luck and a toast to you!*

*Though your days be many or, maybe, few, what else may fail you, what else you rue, count us among the tried and the true.*

### NOVEMBER

- |                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 C. W. Randall           | 19 C. W. Jackaman       |
| F. E. Wilson              | S. S. Melick            |
| 2 Harold Brown            | M. M. Watson            |
| 3 A. S. Harrison          | M. H. Nissen            |
| 4 W. H. Bray              | M. M. Atkins            |
| Dr. C. L. Bear            | 20 H. W. Blewitt        |
| 5 K. L. Polking-<br>horne | A. E. McIlveen          |
| E. A. Hodgkin-<br>son     | L. A. Harris            |
| Dr. N. H. Rose            | C. D. A. Ken-<br>nedy   |
| 7 K. S. Irwin             | 21 S. Peters            |
| R. Paraggio               | A. R. Harrison          |
| 9 W. H. Travers           | A. L. Naughton          |
| Stan Williams             | R. C. Crebbin           |
| Dr. C. Adair              | 22 M. Zammit            |
| 10 J. J. Geard            | J. R. Reeves            |
| 11 E. F. Muller           | H. Doerner              |
| R. N. Crampton            | 23 D. N. Alex-<br>ander |
| 12 D. G. Oakley           | G. Crichton-<br>Smith   |
| A. Sakzewski              | A. W. Perry             |
| F. Lysons                 | M. Frumar               |
| 13 J. P. Ryan             | John W. O'Brien         |
| J. D. Stuart              | 24 N. W. Holman         |
| John Fisher               | J. R. Henderson         |
| H. Middleton              | 25 T. T. Manning        |
| 14 D. Mackie              | R. C. Dewley            |
| A. C. Gunter              | J. Hardiman             |
| 15 Harold Sig-<br>greaves | 26 R. R. Coote          |
| G. C. Beards-<br>more     | 27 L. Noakes, Snr.      |
| E. D. Shaw                | Jack Molloy             |
| 16 A. K. Cowper           | 29 W. H. Davies         |
| 17 F. D. Foskey           | L. Willis               |
| Dr. Hal Selle             | W. P. Foley             |
| F. McGlynn                | H. W. Bishop            |
| F. W. Smithers            | 30 H. (Barney)<br>Fay   |
| 18 L. W. McIntosh         | Jack Ryan               |
| V. A. Thick-<br>nesse     | J. P. Blainey           |
| Dr. A. B. Sul-<br>livan   | J. C. Harris            |

### DECEMBER

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| 1 H. V. Berlyn            | Murt O'Brien              |
| H. R. Van<br>Borssum      | J. J. Cromwell            |
| 2 A. Greenhalgh           | 18 H. G. Horner           |
| 3 T. B. Dwyer             | 19 J. T. Jennings         |
| F. J. Lett                | W. A. Stimson             |
| 4 M. D'Arcy               | A. F. Wilding             |
| C. E. Donnelley           | 20 Harry Sid-<br>greaves  |
| T. W. O'Shea              | A. E. Grounds             |
| 5 K. B. McGrath           | A. E. McCart-<br>ney      |
| 6 P. J. Bray              | C. V. Holland             |
| George Parker             | Arthur Bull               |
| Sidney Parker             | 21 E. N. Larkin           |
| 7 A. C. Gelling           | W. B. Molloy              |
| H. H. Gold-<br>berg       | 22 D. R. Walker           |
| S. Sernack                | C. W. Robinson            |
| T. Tanner                 | 23 J. W. Gilligan         |
| 8 N. G. Morris            | 24 H. W. Broad-<br>foot   |
| D. J. Mooney              | N. M. Shelton             |
| L. W. Jones               | 25 W. Sherman             |
| A. P. Rennix              | A. F. A. Little           |
| 9 J. H. Keogh             | 26 H. J. Bartier          |
| 10 A. J. McDowell         | H. C. Higson              |
| G. G. Firkin              | A. R. Chiles              |
| C. J. Fahy                | 27 R. E. Sanderson        |
| J. M. Sawyer              | 28 Dr. A. S. Read-<br>ing |
| A. F. Thomson             | W. G. Tate                |
| S. Y. Gresham             | E. W. Abra-<br>hams       |
| D. A. C. Sulli-<br>van    | 29 E. J. Hazell           |
| J. M. McShane             | W. K. Dawes               |
| 12 W. Gourley             | C. Rogan                  |
| C. E. Thompson            | L. Moss, Jnr.             |
| F. H. M. Arthur           | 30 R. A. Swift            |
| 13 Eric Pratt             | E. J. McDowell            |
| J. A. Nivison             | Jack Davis                |
| 14 M. Nimenski            | F. M. Power               |
| W. Longton                | A. G. Leslie              |
| Alan Davis                | C. F. Waldron             |
| 15 R. T. Cadwall-<br>ader | L. R. Nathan              |
| M. P. Webber              |                           |
| 17 E. O. Crow-<br>hurst   |                           |

Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.





**Mr. A. G. Collins**

**F**OR less than four minutes once a year the Cup holds up business. Life itself pauses and listens. Parliament and the Courts have been known to adjourn on some pretext; managers take afternoon tea a little earlier in displaying a splendid sense of synchronisation—office boys find they have special errands; office girls special duties to perform.

Why should all that be so? Cup fever settles upon the people and it takes the running of the race to work it off.

I have been to many Cup meetings, but I keep going, and hope so to do; not solely because I wish to wager, but for the reason that, being an Australian with the sporting instincts of the native-born I get something out of it, something exhilarating for which one could not write a cheque or collect as a dividend.

The beauty of this proposition, of course, is that it is open for investment among people of all stations, irrespective of money standards. In Cup season we meet on common ground, which is to say on a common level. If we all could

## Melbourne Cup Impression

# AN OLD SCENE THAT IS EVER NEW

*By A. G. Collins, Committeeman*

**One returned again after many visits with the same impression: the Melbourne Cup is an Australian institution. It has a magic that never wanes. Nothing in racing in Australia can surpass or supplant it.**

philosophise about other trends and events, perhaps we would be happier, better off spiritually, which is something greater than could be expressed in a bank balance.

### **The Scene**

Cup day scene at Flemington is the old scene with a strange realisation of newness. Even the old faces seem unfamiliar in that setting; and the color and gaiety impact the thrill of a first experience. It's a repeat performance with all the sweet sensations of a first night.

I get all these thrills—that's why I keep going.

There were seven races each day, a programme on which the V.R.C. should be commended—for their splendid organisation, too. The Committee deserved a line up of horses of such high quality.

Although the weather was unkind, the track on Cup day was not really heavy. As an indication, Adolph Basser's Empire Link ran 2.4 $\frac{3}{4}$  over a mile and a quarter with 9 st. 2 lbs. up.

### **Rising Fast**

My belief, formed from watching the Cup race closely is that Rising Fast's failure to get up was not so much due to the state of the track as to the slowly run race and the early checks he encountered. However, his was a gallant performance under a steady impost.

Fellow members of Tattersall's Club committee with me were George Chiene and, for Cup day, Ernie Vandenburg. But one

encountered so many Sydney-siders that the block from Martin Place to King St. might have been conjured up.

### **In the Throng**

Here are some I greeted: A. G. Potter, Mr. Justice Dovey, Brian Crowley, H. E. Tancred, J. L. Tancred, Albert Page, J. A. Shaw, E. Bookallil, E. A. Davis, Jack Mandel, Adolph Basser, J. Harris, S. G. White, A. F. Eastment, G. Fienberg, A. G. Connolly, Fred Vockler, Tom Powell, Noel Hough, A. Sakzewski, A. Norton, P. J. Schwarz, J. L. Pick.

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**Footnote: In case you did not hear me, I hope to go to the Cup next year.**

JACK O'BRIEN (Daily Telegraph) remembers: Dark Marne, winner of the Sydney Cup, Doomben Cup, and a host of other races, was once beaten in a field of three at Wyong. Grey Boots, a Doncaster, Toorak and Caulfield Cup winner, was beaten in a novice at Gosford.

Toparoa, Melbourne Cup winner, could finish only a moderate third at Kembla Grange.



# JOHN T. JENNINGS PUT SERVICE ABOVE SELF

**Behind the quiet, friendly exterior of John T. Jennings, is a supercharged battery of enthusiasm and energy. It has never run down in half a century of service in commercial, military, parliamentary, municipal and sporting life, as well as Public Welfare movements.**

NOWADAYS, John Jennings has "practically retired", as he says. The thriving business bearing his name he handed over to his two sons on their release from Army service and he retains what may be described as a watching brief. When a curly one is bowled down competitively, father dons the pads and takes strike.

But John could not possibly gear down to a walk. His interests are still in servicemen—he took part as a combatant in important engagements in the South African War—and in welfare work. What he has done for the underdog and the cause worthwhile is not a matter of to-day and yesterday, but of yester-year.

For relaxation he turns to bowls. He likes the fellowship and describes himself as "a social player". He was a foundation member and is a member of Kensington Bowling Club, and laid the foundation stone of the Clubhouse in 1929, while Mayor of Randwick.

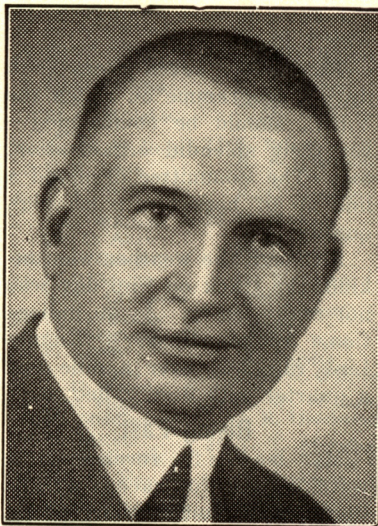
## Great Record

His formidable record of service may be summarised: Eleven years an alderman of Randwick (twice Mayor); nine years in Federal Parliament; represented the Federal Parliament at the Empire Parliamentary Conference at London in 1937; Patron

of Australian South African War Veterans' Association.

President of the Coogee-Randwick sub-branch of the R.S.L. for two years; member of the State executive of the R.S.L.; hon. director, War Veterans' home, Narrabeen.

President N.S.W. Amateur Athletic Association; Patron of



*Mr. Jennings*

Randwick District cricket club, R.U. football club, Randwick-Kensington Amateur Athletic Club.

His main public activity to-day is president and chairman

of Eastern Suburbs Ambulance Service and Committee.

Commercial life: founded the firm of John T. Jennings Pty. Ltd., Sydney, in 1924. His sons, John L. and Victor, now directing the business, are members of Tattersall's Club. He is associated in Queensland with Drug Houses of Australia Ltd. in the subsidiary firm of Jennings Elliotts Dental Coy. Pty. Ltd. He is president of the Australian Dental Trade Association.

## A Big Enterprise

Coogee shark-proof surf enclosure: When Mayor of Randwick in 1929 the popularity of Coogee Beach was becoming seriously diminished through shark attacks. Business people became alarmed by falling off in trade. Randwick Council of the day included several practical business men and set out to solve the problem. Led by the Mayor they conceived the idea of shark-proofing Coogee Beach. Estimates and plans were called for. They came in from all parts of Australia and overseas. Costs were as high as £78,000. Some asked for a franchise to erect an enclosure across the bay.

One morning during the discussions, the Surf Shed manager, Frank O'Grady, called on the Mayor and said he had a plan for a safety resilient wire net which would trail the ocean bed, the cost of which, built by the Council employees, would cost only £5,000. Asked why he hadn't put in the scheme before he replied that he had been told

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"to keep the blinking thing to himself."

A meeting of the Committee investigating the plans was called and after investigating the scheme, recommended it to Council which adopted it. The Surf Safety enclosure caught the imagination of the public. It was given much publicity and was opened before a record crowd of 130,000 on November 19, 1929. Feature films showed the opening and were sent overseas. English, American and European newspapers featured articles on the Coogee enclosure.

It proved a great success with day surfing and night surfing as well under strong flood-lighting, but with the shortage of suitable material and the outbreak of war, the enclosure was dismantled.

### In Phar Lap's Day

He was Mayor in days when Phar Lap and other noted racehorses were prominent. Alison Road had been converted by the Council to a modern surfaced road. But it was slippery; so much so that when the horses were being taken across to the Randwick racecourse it was difficult to keep them on their feet. Owners and trainers asked the Mayor to have a small strip of slip-proof material laid across the road to prevent serious accidents to the horses.

The Mayor had this done. He was criticised by one or two; but his reply that the racing interests were paying in many thousands of pounds in rates to the Council more than entitled them to this small expenditure of under £25, silenced the objectors.

When Mayor, he presided at a send-off to Albert Sluice, at

## Friendship's Role

*We talk of our friends when we mean in many instances our acquaintances. It is one of those polite extravagances that survive, those falsified so often by fact.*

*If you think otherwise, take the fingers of your right hand and count your friends; then consider how many continue on to the digits of the left. Friendship is more than a cordial "good-day", a surface geniality, a get-along-together-well feeling, a willingness to oblige and "here's luck" over the bar. Friendship is the masculine gender of love; It's the rugged brother of what women rate as affection.*

*Often it's not the giving of a great cheque, but the saying of a kind word —and meaning it. A certain friend in things uncertain; that also is another definition of one of the cardinal virtues: Friendship.*

the Coogee Bay Hotel. This was attended by leading sportsmen from all parts of Australia. It was a dignified (almost regal) affair until Albert, who was leaving for England in responding to his toast and presentation told a story which rocked the company.

### Well Merited Reward

John T. Jennings has got the best out of life he considers by putting back into life a measure of what is taken out. He has the respect of people in all walks of life, of all denominations and political opinions. Withal, like famous John Gilpin, "a citizen of credit and renown."

**Christmas Cards now available at Bottle and Grocery Department, 1st Floor. Printing of name and address of sender may be arranged at small extra cost.**

## RECOLLECTIONS OF VETERAN

CHARLES WHEELER (88), famous trainer of other seasons, who died in South Australia this month, recollected:

"My grandfather moved his family by bullock dray from the Cobbitty corner of Parramatta, 109 years ago, to the upper Murray. The trip occupied three months. The couple had four sons and three daughters. They were the pioneers and Curryong became the principal township.

Towing Hill is famous for the thoroughbreds raised there, among them Trafalgar, Patrobus, Dyed Garments.

Charlie Wheeler believed he won the Melbourne Cup with Tuckeroo when Lord Nolan got the verdict in 1908. The veteran said: I stood in the same position when Patrobus was placed first and, if Patrobus won, so did Tuckeroo.



## **THE SPRINGBOK STYLE OF UNION PLAY**

*By Arnold Tancred, Australian Rugby Union International forward.*

**This well-reasoned article, provoked by a previous article in this magazine, has been written by one who has played the R.U. game with the best against the best, and who knows the game in all its aspects. Arnold Tancred was a member of the 1927 Waratahs, and manager of the 1947 Waratahs, on their British tour.**

**I** HAVE read with interest the views of "Rugby Union Supporter" in the October issue. As your correspondent is a supporter, it must be assumed that his suggestions are made in the best interests of the game and are therefore respected. Let me put the other side.

Firstly, he thinks it would be a good thing if Rugby League were introduced into South Africa and became formidable opposition. This, of course, is what happened in Australia back in 1908. Would he suggest it proved a benefit to Australian Rugby Union? On the contrary to-day, although quite strong in players, we are at the bottom of the ladder in public following.

In the sphere of world sport, South Africa, like Australia, has a relatively small population to draw from, but has wisely concentrated largely on one winter sport, Rugby Union, at which they have established world supremacy, whereas Australia has its population and playing strength split between two Rugby codes, Australian Rules and Soccer.

According to all reports, South African Rugby crowds seem fairly content with their style of play as they turned out in record numbers during the Wallabies tour of 1953, and during the conducted visit of the

British Isles team, just 90,000 witnessed the third Test at Johannesburg.

Club Member has assumed far too much in coupling New Zea-



*Mr. Arnold Tancred*

land crowds with Australians when he states that the South African style of play is not acceptable. I have no doubt that,

next year, when the Springboks tour New Zealand, it will be capacity gates wherever they play throughout the country with Test tickets unprocureable.

The second suggestion made by Club Member is that a break from the International Rugby Union Board by Australia, New Zealand, France and Fiji should be made in the interests of survival! What does he mean by survival? In France there are approximately 700 Rugby Union clubs to 30 Rugby League clubs. In New Zealand there would be approximately 100 Rugby Union players to one League player. Rugby League is unknown in Fiji. How could we hope to persuade those countries to break with the International Board, thus ruining prospects of international matches and tours.

### **The Play Counts**

Unfortunately we Australians are alone in the World of Rugby in our ideas of amended rules being the answer to all our problems. It is not the rules that make spectacular play, but the way they are played. It is true that crowds, wherever they are, prefer bright open Rugby, but it is also true that discerning Rugby crowds that are met in the British Isles, South Africa and New Zealand demand the achievement of open Rugby in conjunction with the true basic principles of the game, a few of which are sound tackling, correct handling and hard working forwards striving to gain clean possession of the ball for their backs. Rugby League legislators have found that altered rules have not achieved any of these things; in fact, there are constant rumblings in Rugby League circles for reversion to some Rugby Union rules.

The real answer is not to decry the Springbok style of play, but give them the credit due and appeal to the sporting editors of

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## THE ANSWER

newspapers to publicise the great playing record they have achieved over the years, both at home and abroad. For our part, we must concentrate on getting our teams onto the field next year fit to match their great strength. Let us play the open game if we prefer it, but the best way to please our crowds would be to lower the colors of the "Invincibles."

Whatever style of play the Springboks adopt, their fundamentals will be sound and, despite our threadbare criticism of their touch-finding, we can be sure they will not find touch one tenth as often as Rugby League teams stand about while somebody plays the ball.

## CUP HISTORY

Although the Melbourne Cup has never been known by any other name the actual trophy itself on many occasions has not been a Cup. It has been a gold cup only since 1916 when Sasanof won after bad weather had caused a postponement. The present design has been in vogue since 1919 when Artilleryman was successful.

Before 1916 trophies had been various types of sideboard specimens. Sometimes they were silver plate, coffee services, rose bowls, claret jugs and so forth. When Dunlop won in 1887 the trophy was a golden horseshoe. Nowadays the Cup is fashioned from 18 carat gold and takes the goldsmith many months to prepare.

The wooden base of this year's Cup was the same as on the trophies for the past 33 years because it came from the

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# 'VARSITY R.U. TEAM OF 1907-1909 *The Greatest Ever*

*(By a Member)*

**The 1907-9 Sydney University team was greatest as a team in the long history of Rugby Union. It was strong in every department and had a shining record.**

THE players were: Full backs, Johnnie Verge and Jock McKenzie; three quarters, V. S. and F. C. Futter, Harry Blaney, H. Oxenham, Nigel Barker and A. D. Fisher; five eighths, Gerry Portus and J. L. Row; half-back, Wally Matthews (Capt.); forwards, Paddy Moran, Johnnie Groundwater, Howard Bullock, John and James Hughes, John Fitzhardinge, C. A. (Bull) Hammond, S. D. Walker and McKeavon.

The backs were first class defenders, nursed the forwards and were exceptionally speedy, with rapid changes of play in passing, and keeping down the centre all the time. The forwards worked as a body—also

down the centre—, expert line-out artists. They were solid scrummagers and, above all, never off the ball. They were always consistently good; no "off days" for them.

### Where Now?

Verge, Barker, Blaney, McKenzie, both Futtters, Moran, Groundwater, Hughes brothers, Hammond, Portus, Matthews and Walker have passed on. Row and Fisher I know not of.

Humphrey Oxenham (Oxy) is practising as a doctor. Howard Bullock ditto. John Fitzhardinge has retired after many years as Medical Superintendent of Prince of Wales hospital.

same log. The log, felled in the Otway Ranges in Victoria, has provided the base for all Melbourne Cups since 1921 and there is enough timber there for another 50 years.

## GREAT OARSMAN

Mervyn Wood, olympic champion sculler and rower, made his first public appearance as a member of Sydney High School fours at a regatta. Mervyn rowed in High senior eights in two seasons. Joined a senior club on leaving school.

He took to sculling when some of his old pals retired from active rowing.

## CHAMPION'S CUE

Lindrum's cue, so keenly admired by King George V, a keen billiardist, was made from a piece of ash which the champion had seen casually in Melbourne, and where it had been for a quarter of a century. The composition ferrule gives a wood effect when playing. Lindrum says: "I would not accept £20,000 for my cue. I lock it up in a fireproof case, between sessions. It would be a tragedy were it destroyed."

A woman tells fairy stories to her children; a man tells them to his wife.



# **CAREER OF HEROIC**

**The most temperamental champion to force his name into the record book of class performers in Australia, was Heroic. He defeated some of the greatest horses who raced in Australia. He also produced exhibitions of mediocrity which could not have earned place money on a bush track.**

**H**EROIC had a two-year-old season which has rarely been rivalled for toughness. As a youngster, he had nine starts for five wins and two seconds. Before he became a three-year-old, he had earned £11,081 in stake money, wrote S. G. Ebert in "Digest of Digest".

When he was paraded around the yearling sales ring he was obviously every ounce a champion. He was sired by Valais from Chersonese, who was a well-performed mare, imported from England. Jack Corteen, one of the most dashing punters of the day, purchased Heroic for 1,800 guineas. Corteen had been expertly briefed by leading trainer Cecil Godby, who decided that Heroic was the outstanding purchase.

Heroic had his first start in the initial two-year-old race of the season, the Breeders' Plate. Leading all the way, he won pulling up by two lengths. Then he was taken to Melbourne for the Spring Carnival. He was unluckily defeated by Versine, by a short head, in the Debutante Stakes at Caulfield. A week later he scored in the Maribyrnong Plate, at Flemington where he beat Fujisan and Versine.

His connections next set him for the 1924 Oakleigh Plate. He finished out of a place. The following week trainer Godby saddled up Heroic for the Alma Stakes, run over 6 furlongs at Caulfield. The young horse was

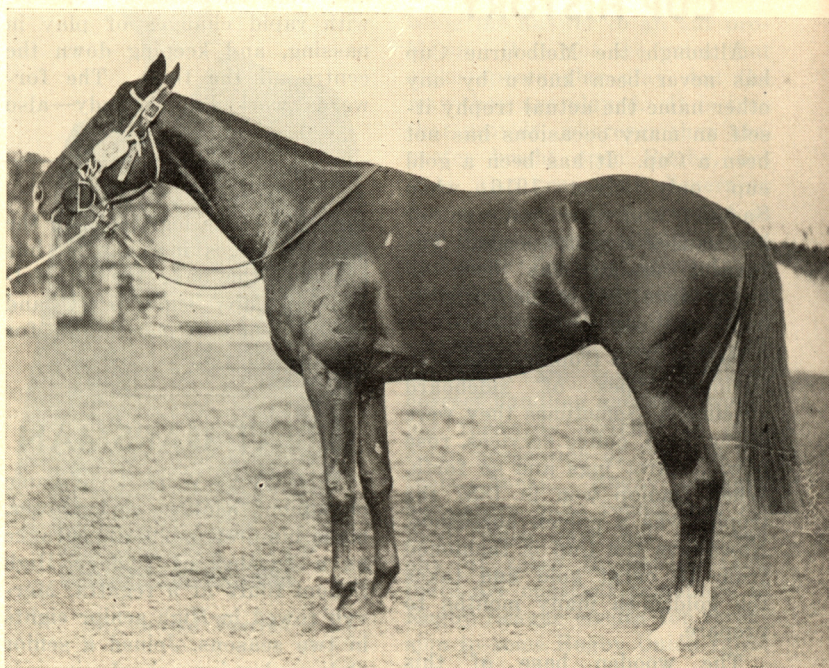
allotted 10 st. 2 lb. by the handicapper, but Heroic won easily. He started on four more occasions as a two-year-old. There was a win in the V.R.C. Ascot Vale Stakes and also in the A.J.C. Champagne Stakes. He finished second in the V.R.C. Sires' Produce Stakes. In the A.J.C. Sires' Produce Stakes he dwelt at the post and took no part.

His second in the V.R.C. Sires' Produce was one of the greatest performances of his career. When the barrier flew

up he was caught flat-footed. Chasing the field he was soon in the middle of the ruck. He was hopelessly pocketed all the way to the turn. As the field swung into the straight he bulldozed his way through, to gallop into the lead a furlong from home. He was beaten on the post.

In the A.J.C. Sires' Produce Stakes Heroic was a hot favourite at even money. In that race he introduced his backers to the temperament which was to cost them many thousands of pounds during his career. When the starter let the field go, he stood placidly. His first race after a spell was the Weight-for-age Warwick Stakes. Once again he merely raised his ears

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*HEROIC as a yearling showed quality that proclaimed him a champion in the making. He was sold in 1923 by William Inglis & Son Pty. Ltd. for 1800 guineas and won more than £30,000.*

(Photo "The Sun")



# ***The Story of Heroic***

and switched his tail as the field jumped away.

When he was entered for the Chelmsford Stakes at Randwick, the cash customers discarded him in favour of the mighty New Zealander, Gloaming. He proved his own unpredictability and the poor judgment of the punters, by galloping brilliantly to give Gloaming a beating.

## **New Record**

Few three-year-olds have won the Chelmsford Stakes and fewer horses, of any age, defeated the champion New Zealander. Heroic's time for the nine furlongs event was 1 minute 50½ seconds—a new Australasian record. Big bettor, Corteen, had been confident in the ability of his horse. He won a fortune on the race. He speculated most of his gigantic winnings on his champion in the 1924 A.J.C. Derby, run a few weeks later.

The betting was dominated by four grand colts. They were Nigger Minstrel, Leslie Wallace, Spearfelt and Heroic. As the strands of the barrier went up he charged across the track towards the spectators in the "Flat" enclosure. Pulling on the rein, like a tug-o'-war exponent, jockey Hugh Cairns, somehow straightened him up and chased the field. A hundred yards after the turn Heroic had been driven up to the leader, who was now tiring. Heroic forged ahead. A deafening roar arose from the crowd as first Nigger Minstrel and then Spearfelt challenged the new leader. It was Heroic who stretched his head in advance of the line, right on the post. Nigger Minstrel was second with Spearfelt less than a head away third.

**W**HEN the Godby Stable celebrations were over, Heroic was taken to Melbourne for the

Victoria Derby and the Melbourne Cup. His preparatory start was in the Caulfield Guineas. After pouring rain, the track was a quagmire. He was backed to favouritism at 5-4. Once again he performed his now famous brumby act. The stewards must have been forewarned. They used a stock whip to force him into line. This time he jumped with the field. He won by three lengths and was freely tipped as a certainty for the big double.

Then came a sensation. Purser, his stable-mate, owned also by Corteen, was disqualified because of a reversal of form in the Caulfield Cup. Owner, jockey and trainer were all disqualified for 12 months. The imposition meant that Heroic was also de-

track, from 14 starts he scored 7 wins, 6 of them consecutively. On the third day of the 1925 A.J.C. Autumn Carnival he was started in two races. He refused to budge from the barrier on both occasions. In the first of these, The Hawk was also a starter. Every time Heroic met The Hawk, he refused to race kindly and usually did not even jump with the field.

**K**ELLOW retired Heroic after his fifth year. He was allocated to stud duty. His success at his new vocation was even greater than that on the track. From the first group of mares with whom he was mated, were bred those two champions, Hall Mark and Nuffield. Later came Ajax and Hua. Heroic's off-spring raced for the first time in 1930. He was represented by 10 two-year-olds who aggre-

## **MEMORABLE A.J.C. DERBY**

barred from the Derby and the Cup. Spearfelt won the Derby and was placed third in the two-mile event, after a very unlucky run. It was obvious that Heroic would have won both races with average luck.

Corteen was forced to sell his horses. He tried to dispose of Heroic to a bookmaker-friend. The V.R.C. refused to recognise the transaction as a genuine sale. They claimed that the bookmaker was a "dummy". A few months later Heroic was purchased by C. B. Kellow for 16,000 guineas. His new trainer was Jack Holt. For his new owner Heroic raced until his five-year-old season. He continued his temperamental inconsistency, but he still mingled his failures to leave the barrier, with defeats of other recognised champions.

In his final season, on the

gated 18 victories. He was soon leading the winning sires' list. He held that proud position for seven successive seasons.

## **RECOLLECTION**

**E. H. FARRAR, M.L.C.**, told of a veteran's coming forward at the graveside of Charles Turner ("The Terror") and asking for the privilege of saying a few words.

He said he had gone to Melbourne and Adelaide as N.S.W. wicketkeeper when Turner was in his heyday as a bowler, adding: "The Terror" had so much spin on his deliveries that more catches were missed off his bowling than that of any other trundler."

The old man's name was Moore, a brother of Charlie Macartney's mother.



# Always a "favourite" with race crowds

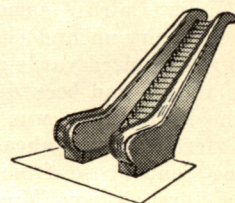
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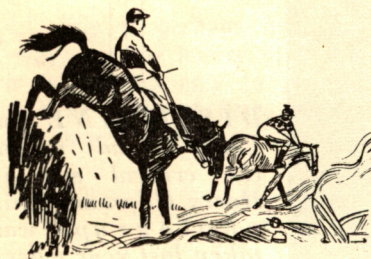


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# CRAZY GALLOP STARTED GRAND NATIONAL



Steeplechasing originated among England's sporting squires, who spent much of their time chasing the fox over field, fence and stream. One day, when hounds failed to start a fox, a hard-riding squire challenged the rest of the field to race. "As there's no fox, we'll chase that steeple," he said. In the crazy gallop that followed they pushed their hunters over the shortest route, taking hedges, streams, mounds and ploughed fields as they came. All declared it grand sport and arranged another race. Steeplechasing was born.

**A**INTREE at the time had a small flat-racing course. It was owned by William Lynn, sporting publican of the nearby Waterloo Hotel, who ran it solely to draw sportsmen and gamblers to his drinking rooms. He decided to add steeplechasing to the attractions (quoting a special feature article in Sydney "Daily Mirror").

Lynn laid down a rough but savage course round the flat race track, including a ploughed field, a five and a half foot wall, and four brooks.

Fifteen lined up for the first race. Each had staked 10 sovereigns, to which the wily publican added 80. Any horse, hack or blood could be entered. Only stipulation was that the rider should be a gentleman and make his weight up to 12 stone. No rider was allowed to dismount to open gates, or ride along any made road for more than 100 yards. The winning owner was required to sell his horse for 200 sovereigns to anyone willing to buy at that price.

Lynn calculated rightly that fox hunters from all over Britain would crowd to Aintree to bid for a jumper mighty enough to win over such a gruelling course.

Lynn did a roaring trade with the first Grand National. Young bloods poured up from London

to gamble, drink and roister. Captain Becher won the race on The Duke.

The race became so notorious that in the next two years Lynn had to rush up new stands to accommodate the hordes of spectators. In 1839 he floated Aintree into a syndicate controlled by the Grand National Hunt Committee of four peers, who drew up rules, increased the stakes and added more jumps. They soon controlled all organised steeplechasing in England.

## Captain Becher

In the first official Grand National, in 1839, the gallant Captain Becher ended in a brook first time round. He came up spluttering that "Water should never be taken without brandy." Becher's Brook remains one of the course's greatest hazards.

Critics of the Grand National say a number of horses die of weakened hearts a few days or weeks after the race. Many, however, have raced in the Grand National time and again, and lived to a normal age.

Royal Tan, winner in 1954, was 10 years old. Lottery, who won in 1839, raced four times more, under such a crippling handicap that he fell twice, but came in second in his last attempt. His rider, Gentleman Jem

Mason, kept him as a pet, delighting to jump him over tables, teams of coach-horses and wide streams. He claimed that Lottery vastly enjoyed this sport.

Jem Mason had good reason to love the gallant Lottery. So pleased was the horse's wealthy owner at winning the National that he gave Jem his only daughter in marriage. Mason was typical of the hard-living, hard-drinking gentlemen riders who risked their necks for glory. He was a noted dandy. His riding silks were tailored in Savile Row. He had the soles of his riding boots made by one expensive craftsman, while another fashioned the uppers.

## CLUES CLICKS

DINNY CAMPBELL, who played for Australia in R.U. one Saturday, and in League the next Saturday, then played for Leeds (England) from 1912 till 1921, reckons Arthur Clues, when he signed originally for Leeds, but who now plays for Hunslet, the greatest Australian forward to go overseas.

Clues returned to Sydney on private business, and will go back to his club soon. He has a prosperous business over there.





**DISCIPLINE** for Lewis Hoad under the critical eye of Harry Hopman. This photograph was taken last year when, after being defeated in the N.S.W. Championships by John Bromwich, Hoad was immediately taken to an outside court and put through an extensive workout.

Picture: Courtesy "The Coal Miner".

**Back in 1953, I travelled back in a plane to Sydney from Canberra with an American citizen named Mr. Mike Dimitro, a fellow distinguished for the glibness of his tongue, a flair for showmanship and a complete lack of knowledge of the sport which he claimed to be the United States' most eminent authority (wrote Bill Delaney in "The Coal Miner").**

**D**IMITRO, you'll remember, had hypnotised the Australian Rugby League Board of Control into believing that 150 million fellow-Americans were eager to thrust dollar bills into gatekeepers' hands for the privi-

lege of watching the League version of football.

Further, he had Svengalied the Board into the belief that its chief reason for existence was to provide him with much folding money, and, with this view,

had brought to this colony a few tons of musclemen whose job it was to prove that the United States had the makings of a great League country.

Unfortunately for Dimitro and an ever-decreasing number of spectators the American "All Stars" tour proved such a flop that the very mention of his name at League Headquarters is now enough to cause administrators to shove their wheelchairs in high gear and move to distant parts.

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# HOW INTERNATIONAL IS THE DAVIS CUP?

**ALL** this is perhaps by the way, and the horror of that tour is recalled only to prove that Mike could at times be a pretty bright thinker.

Well, there we were, Mike and I, about to land at Sydney around about nine p.m. Below, the darkness was broken by the lights of a city ready to go to sleep. Suddenly he stirred himself from the lethargy into which he had been reduced by the occasion of having actually that day to take part himself in a match.

"What", he asked in a voice that indicated that he had studied a diction course at Duffy's Tavern, "are them lights down there — the ones in a sort of square?"

I told him that they were the lights surrounding a night-tennis court.

"For the love of Mike", he said. "All of them?"

## Night Tennis

I glanced out of the window. He was right: if you want to realise how many night-tennis courts there are in and around Sydney, take a trip over the place by night. I told him, "All of them".

He lapsed back into a coma — or maybe it was a brooding silence, for the gate receipts for the game hadn't been so good, and it had previously been established that Mike and the desire for Big Money had been fairly wedded for years.

"Gee", he said at last, "And I had to get into a simple racket like football".

I recalled Dimitro's comment when it was announced that

gate receipts for the recent Davis Cup Challenge round, at £56,000, were £114,000 less than the "take" at Sydney's White City last year.

The simplest explanation for this, of course, is that Americans refuse to recognise tennis as a rival to baseball, which annually attracts 60 million customers; basket-ball, with — believe it or not — 90 million; gridiron, with 45 million; or even wrestling, with four million.

As it was pointed out recently by a prominent American living in Australia, there are as many people in New York City as there are in the whole of Australia, yet only 12,500 attended the last Challenge Round on the best

day. But in 1954 more than double that number attended Sydney's White City courts each day.

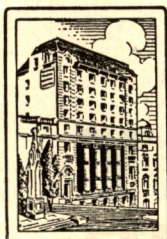
## No Calamity

Another American said that in the States only multi-millionaires have tennis courts "just in case some guests might like to play".

He added: "It's not quite such a national calamity in America when we lose the Davis Cup as it appears to be here when you do".

The measure of Australia's tennis fervor can be measured by the fact that barely had the

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**Bowling**

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**All agree that the challenge match between Tattersall's Club and Double Bay was a wonderful day, night, and, ah, yes, morning or dawning.**

**O**UR club's success was well merited. The "Bay" boys were quick to show their appreciation, and were excellent hosts.

On reviewing the scores, and without detracting from the grand performance put up by the teams as a whole, worthy of mention was Ken Ranger's rink, which won against strong opposition; also Jack Pick and Harold Hill.

Bowlers throughout the State are aware of the prowess of the "Tattersall's Boys." A number

have been playing only for a couple of years, but can hold their own in any company.

At the dinner, president of Double Bay (Jack Kellaway) welcomed Frank Carberry, representing the Committee of Tattersall's Club, and offered congratulations to Gordon Booth and his boys for their win. He suggested that the "Challenge Match" be an annual affair.

President Gordon said that since the final result appeared on the board, he had been inundated with requests from Tattersall's members (who on the day had thrown in their lot with Double Bay) to be included in the Tattersall's team the next time the challenge was on. Your Publicity Officer disassociates himself from this band and hastens to assure you that he will remain neutral in future.

**Look-See**

Frank Carberry, replying on behalf of the visitors, said his main object in visiting the greens was to see what this game of bowls was all about. He felt that it must have something to attract the old stalwarts away from Elizabeth Street. Treasurer Joe Saulwick was seen surreptitiously to slip a receipt for membership into Frank's pocket.

To Jack Pick and Roy King we offer our thanks for a mighty job of organising. Morning or dawning.

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# What the Score Board Showed

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M. Watson, G. Lewis, Ted Abbott, L. Fingleton (Tattersall's), 25; J. Neil, L. Jones, C. Lindstrom, J. Gaden (D. Bay), 19; G. H. Levey, Joe Harris, P. J. Schwarz (Tattersall's), 16; D. O'Brien, M. Sansom, F. Perkins (D. Bay), 25; Joe Saulwick, I. Silk, Ted Davis (Tattersall's), 11; D. Passmore, W. E. Black, M. Valkenburg (D. Bay), 18; F. Empson, J. K. Monro, A. Turner (Tattersall's), 15; P. Carroll, C. Coombes, Jack Eaton (D. Bay), 23; — C. Cohen, Sam Peters (Tattersall's), 18; C. McNamara, J. Wadsworth, S. Humphrey (D. Bay), 29; R. Ball, J. McKendrick, Bill McDonald (Tattersall's), 11; S. McCloy, W. Corlis, B. Larkin (D. Bay), 27.

Final score: Tattersall's, 250; Double Bay, 238.

Another highlight this month was our win over the Navy by

21 points and the defeat of STATE CHAMPION ERN FLORENCE by up and coming champ. Ken Ranger.

Details: G. H. Levey, Ken Williams, Ken Ranger (Tattersalls), 19; McKenzie, Arnott, Ern Florence (Navy), 17; Joe Harris, Fred Vockler, P. J. Schwarz (Tattersall's), 35; McCulloch, Ather, Spyer (Navy), 10; F. Empson, E. A. Davis, N. Hough (Tattersall's), 14; Shepperd, Chandler, F. Crane (Navy), 20.

## Social Secretary

Newly appointed social secretary, Allan Turner, is bubbling over with enthusiasm. Members are asked to support Allan in future events, details of which will be going to you through the post.

Alex Buckle advises that already 60 entries have been received for the Triples competition, and by closing date an all time high is expected.

Our next meeting will be against Waverley, at Double Bay, when we have the privilege of being their hosts at lunch. Then an all in battle on

the greens with no holds barred, their handicap of course being Les Fingleton — but what a great handicap.

Mel Watson is now a confirmed bowler and shortly a set of golf sticks will be going cheaply. He was seen sounding out Alan Kippax as to resale value.

Strong rumour that Swannie Schwarz and "Bella" Pick are soon to join a well known ballet troupe, whilst Lionel Gibbs has been signed up for TV with all rights reserved on his special delivery.

## U.S. BOXING

Boxing match decisions on points are the cause of a lot of argument, both about boxing and about bets. In the States there is a clear-cut list of points; one for a narrow win on a round; two for a clear-cut win; three for a knock-down; four for a one-sided round plus knock down. Judges aren't allowed to award their points willy-nilly, and everybody knows what points are scored.

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## Handball

# WINOOKA AND AMOUNIS TROPHIES

**PROGRESS** has slowed down to such an extent that these competitions have almost stopped. We cannot understand why competitors in the "Winooka" are showing such apathy as there are only two games to complete the competition.

The only game played during the month was that between Eddie Davis and Zaide Lazarus. This was played after about four postponements and resulted in an easy victory for Eddie by 41-34. This qualified Eddie to play George McGilvray in the remaining semi-final. (Ken Francis has already won his semi-final).

Although this game was arranged for Monday, October 31, it was again postponed. This is most discouraging to the Handball Committee, and they ask that more enthusiasm be shown or forfeits will be given to the player in attendance ready and willing.

In the "Amounis" Trophy, not one game has been played since the last report. Competitors may be excused as they are waiting for the "Winooka" Competition to finish. That over, interest will be keener.

### Another Dinner

Several handball members have asked the Handball Committee to arrange another dinner. As various prizes won during the year are presented at this dinner, no arrangements can be made until the competitions are finished. Play the games and they will "bung it on."

## GOLFER'S CALL

WISH OF a golf broadcaster that Roberto de Vicenzo would return to Sydney under the name of Jack Smith, reminded a golfer of the experience of Eric Popplewell, son of Tom Popplewell, leading professional.

Eric, a bomber pilot, had to spell his name, Popplewell, to the American before touching down at Okinawa; such as P for pin, O for orange and so on. After he had completed and repeated it and the Yank called for further repetition, Eric bawled: "Oh, Jack Smith!" The American replied: "Enter, Smith."

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# NEW SEASON OPENS WITH A BANG

**The new season started on October 11. There were 24 starters and eight heats and two finals were necessary. Prospects for a successful season were never better. Newcomers will be welcomed.**

**B**ILL KIRWAN had the honour of being first swimmer to break the water in the opening race of the 1955-56 season and completed the double by winning the heat in grand style.

He just couldn't bring off the treble by taking the final but he'll keep and it will not be long before he salutes the judge in a decider.

Before getting the boys on their way, presentations of monthly Point Score trophies were made by handicapper Jack Gunton to Arthur Allsop, Bob Harris and Cuth Godhard.

A telegram of good wishes for the season from Arthur McCamley (unavoidably absent), was read and Arthur must have guessed what was going to happen for he added to his greetings: "May many handicaps be broken to-day."

His wishes were duly carried out as Dick Dowling, Col. Bowes and Bob Harris broke their handicaps and were docked a second.

## Bill Kirwan's Trophies

Another ceremony was held before the race on October 18, when Bill Kirwan, donor of the "Native Son" trophies, presented first prize and a brace of monthly Point Score trophies to Geoff Laforest, recently returned from abroad.

Geoff was making his first appearance and his bronzed ap-

pearance tipped off his rivals that he must be in good form. So it proved, for he won his heat in 21.3 seconds and went on to third placing in the final.

That day Viv Thicknesse, former international footballer, was also presented with his first Point Score trophy.

Club champion Bill Kendall had his first race of the season, but struck a snag in Col Bowes, and swam second, but he would have had to clock about 18 secs. to win.

The handicapper has been kind to most of the swimmers, but we don't know why as five of them have already had to be dragged back a second, which makes the going tough for them in the future.

## A Tip

Col Bowes, Dick Dowling, Bob Harris, Harry Davis and George McGilvray have all had the axe and our tip is that a number of others are going to feel it soon.

It seems to be in the Brace Relays that the boys give of their best. First event of that nature this season saw the heat winners break their times from 1.4 to 3.5 seconds. Ralph Corrick and Sid Sernack (with the latter effort) were the stars.

It was good to see Geoff Shaw with us again. Though his two efforts so far have been thirds, a winning bracket should come to him in the near future.

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## Christmas

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# THE POINT SCORE

Ken Francis started off well by winning two heats, but an injury prevented him from starting in the second final and the third race, otherwise he would have been up with the leaders in the current Point Score instead of six points astern.

While on the subject of the Point Score, it is noteworthy that, with one race to complete it, our medicos, Dr. Les Bear and Dr. Paddy Grattan Smith, were well to the fore, Les being in the lead with Harry Davis and Paddy only a point behind, level with Ralph Corrick, who is swimming in rare form

The big brother stuff must mean something, for we noted Neil and Trevor Burrell fighting out a stirring finish the other day. When Neil touched his younger brother close to the finish, Trevor almost stopped dead and enabled Neil to touch him off.

## Winning Swims

Best heat winning swims so far have been: Bob Harris, 21 secs.; Geoff Laforest, 21.3; Leigh Bowes and Fred Harvie, 21.4; Bob Harris, 21.8; Dick Dowling and Harry Davis, 22.

This season's three events have drawn 82 starters, but there are a lot of old friends who have not yet put in an appearance.

Once again, too, we invite new members. It is a certainty that they will enjoy activities on the Third Floor.

Heats of races are held every

Tuesday and the finals on Thursdays.

All events are run off punctually, starting at 1.15 p.m. and are finished in plenty of time for members to have a relaxing bite of lunch on the side of the Pool before re-entering the hurly burly of daily toil.

## Results

October 11—40 yards Handicap: 1st Division Final—C. Bowes (25) 1, F. L. Bowes (22) 2, F. Harvie (22) 3. Time, 23.8 secs. 2nd Division Final—R. Harris (22) 1, R. Dowling (23) 2, K. Francis (23) 3. Time, 21 secs.

October 18—40 yards Handicap: 1st Division Final—H. E. Davis (23) 1, M. Sellen (23) 2, G. Laforest (22) 3. Time, 22.2 secs. 2nd Division Final—G. McGilvray (25) 1, Dr. C. L. Bear (25) 2, S. Murray (25) 3. Time, 24.2 secs.

October 25—80 yards Brace Relay Handicap—R. Corrick and S. Sernaek (53) 1, Dr. P. G. Smith (50) 2, J. O. Dexter and S. Murray (49) 3. Time, 50.1 secs.

October-November Point Score With one event to complete it, the leaders in this series were: Dr. C. L. Bear and H. E. Davis, 16 points; Dr. P. G. Smith and R. Corrick, 15; C. Bowes and R. Harris, 14; F. L. Bowes, 13½; S. Sernaek and C. P. Godhard, 13; G. Eastment, T. Barrrell, G. McGilvray and S. Murray, 12; F. Harvie, 11½; A. Allsop and M. Sellen, 11; K. Francis and J. O. Dexter, 10½; H. Herman, P. Lindsay and W. Kirwan, 10.

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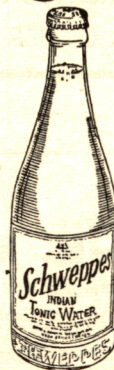
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# THE DISPUTED TRY

## STILL DISPUTED

**S**TILL it goes on—the argument in N.Z. as to whether the “All Blacks” of 1905 scored that “disputed try” against Wales. Welsh players claim that the ball was grounded before the line and touched down over the line before being played, but the Enzeds hug their delusion.

Club member, Ted Nettlefold came across the following in a N.Z. newspaper on a recent visit:

For the New Zealand Rugby enthusiast visiting Wales the one spot which all want to see is where the All Black, Bob Deans, scored (New Zealand view) or did not score (Welsh view) his much debated try against Wales in 1905.

A New Zealand school teacher, Mr. A. T. Gibson, visiting Gisborne made his pilgrimage to Cardiff Arms Park to view the hallowed spot and decided to send an uncle a segment of the turf from it. He cut out a small

piece of the turf under the eye of an official of the Cardiff club.

The legend, New Zealand style, has it that Deans grounded the ball a yard from the corner flag and six inches over the goal line. The Welsh version is that Deans grounded the ball six inches short of the line, and that the referee's ruling, a scrum, was a correct one.

New Zealanders have long claimed that Deans crossed the line, but was dragged back before the referee could get to the scene.

It was from the spot six inches over the goal-line that Mr. Gibson took his piece of turf. When the “excavation” was completed the official approached Mr. Gibson and struck up a conversation with him.

If tradition died hard in the New Zealander it died equally hard with the Welshman, who made this comment, “You have taken the turf from six inches on the wrong side of the line.”

fight to get the next Challenge Round.

Nor is it co-incidental to the way Australia has made Big Business out of tennis that, within a week of our winning the Bauble, prices for equipment rose throughout the country.

In the tennis frenzy that has gripped Australia over the last few years, it might be apt to get a firm grip on ourselves and ask; just how international is the Davis Cup? Or conversely, is Australia killing amateur tennis throughout the rest of the world?

Statistics, admittedly, are as boring as a funeral directors' convention on a wet Sunday but, in order to get the right perspective on the global importance of tennis, let us remember that in over half a century only four nations have held the Davis Cup; and that since 1938, only two — U.S.A. and Australia — have fought out the Challenge Round.

## CLUB DIARY

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**R**OSS McKINNON, former League international five-eighth, was host to Arthur Clues, former Australian League forward, who has been playing with distinction with English League teams for the past several seasons.

★ ★

**I**T is sad to know we have seen the last of amiable William Patrick (Bill) Foley, sportsman, world traveller, and, prior to his retirement recently, mine host of a popular Jervis Bay hotel. Bill died suddenly at the Mater Hos-

pital, North Sydney, on November 22. He was a regular racegoer and a regular visitor to the club and he was greeted among us in recent days before the end came.

## DAVIS CUP

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“ping!” of the last hit in the Challenge Round faded at Forest Hills before four Australian cities were spitting on their knuckles in readiness for the

*Next. Col.*

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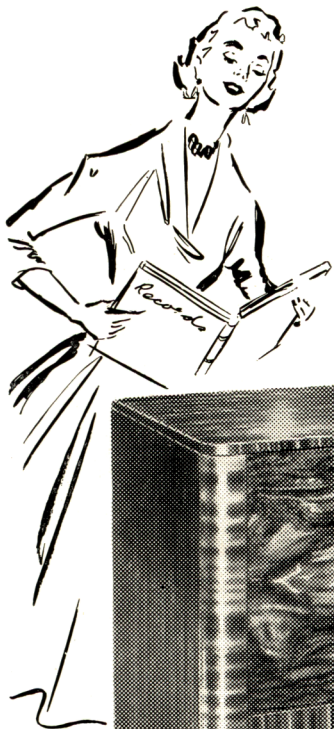
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**Saturday, 31st December, 1955**

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With £1,750 added. Second £350, third £175 from the prize. The winner of the Villiers Stakes or The Summer Cup, 1955, to carry such penalty, if any, not exceeding 10lb., as the Handicapper may impose and declare. Lowest handicap weight 7st. (No allowances for Apprentices.) **Six Furlongs**

(Entries close at 3 p.m. on Monday, 28th November, 1955).

#### NOVICE HANDICAP

(For Three-year-Olds and upwards at time of starting)

With £850 added. Second £170, third £85 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight 7st. **One Mile and a Half**

#### DENMAN HANDICAP

With £1,000 added. Second £200, third £100 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight 7st. **One Mile and a Quarter**

#### PACE WELTER

With £900 added. Second £180, third £90 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight 7st. 7lb. **One Mile**

#### SECOND DAY:

**Monday, 2nd January, 1956**

#### NEW YEAR'S GIFT

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With £1,000 added. Second £200, third £100 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight 7st. 7lb. **One Mile and One Furlong**

**ENTRIES** are to be made with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Sydney, and the Secretary of Newcastle Jockey Club, Newcastle, as follows: **The Carrington Stakes and Tattersall's Club Cup** before 3 p.m. on **Monday, 28th November, 1955.** **Minor Races** (both days) before 3 p.m. on **Monday, 12th December, 1955.**

**WEIGHTS** to be declared as follows:—For **The Carrington Stakes and Tattersall's Club Cup** at 10 a.m., **Monday, 12th December, 1955.** For **Minor Races**:—**First Day**, at 8 p.m. on **Tuesday, 27th December, 1955;** and for **Minor Races**:—**Second Day** at 10 o'clock p.m., **Wednesday, 28th December.**

**ACCEPTANCES** are due with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club only, as follows:—For all races on the **First Day** before 12 noon on **Wednesday, 28th December, 1955,** and for all races on the **Second Day** before 12 noon on **Thursday, 29th December, 1955.**

**PENALTIES:** In all races (The Carrington Stakes and Tattersall's Club Cup excepted) the winner after the declaration of weights, of a flat race or races shall carry such additional weight (if any) for each win as the Handicapper shall determine (not exceeding in the aggregate 7lb.).

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